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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas M Ho

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. **Claims 1 is pending**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by “Applied Cryptography” Menezes et al.

In reference to claim 1:

Menezes(Section 14.32-14.41) discloses a method for checksum generation and utilization, in an apparatus for performing modulo N multiplication of integers A and B in which said modulo multiplication is carried out in k bit wide portions of the factors A and B which are representable and as

$$\sum (A_i R^i) \quad \text{For } I=0 \text{ to } M-1, \text{ and } \sum \text{ of } (B_i R^i) \quad \text{For } I=0 \text{ to } M-1$$

where R equals 2^k and where N is representable as $\sum \text{For } I=0 \text{ to } M-1, \text{ of } N_i R^i$, said

method comprising the steps:

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- Operating said multiplication apparatus over a plurality of cycles so as to produce, at each cycle I , the values Z_i and Y_i in accordance with a two phase modular multiplication method which does not require division operation., where Montgomery's Modular Multiplication Algorithm discloses a two phase method without requiring division, where the two phases are step 2.1 and 2.2 of 14.36, where A is Z_i and u_i is the values of Y_i .
- Accumulating, over said cycles, sums modulo($R-1$) of the values A_i , B_i , N_i , and Z_i , where A of 14.36 is Z_i , X and Y of 14.36 is A_i and B_i , and m_i is N_i , where the values are accumulated over the cycles of the for loop through their individual representations. Ex. $M = (m_{n-1} \dots m_1 m_0)$
- Comparing the sum of the Z_i values with the sum of two products, the first product being the product of the sums of the A_i and B_i terms, and the second product being the product of the sums of the N_i and Y_i terms, where the sum of the Z_i values (A of 14.36) are compared using the sums of two products($x_i y$ and $u_i m$) from 2.2 of 14.36.

The Examiner notes that it is well known it is well known in the art the Binary numbers in computers are a base two system, and where a base N system of numbers if a system where a number contains digitals A_i to A_0

such that the quantity expressed by $A_i A_{(i-1)} A_{(i-2)} \dots A_1 A_0$ is equivalent to

$$(A_i * N^i) + (A_{i-1} * N^{(i-1)}) + \dots + (A_2 * N^2) + (A_1 * N^1) + (A_0 * N^0) \text{ which is the}$$

quantity expressed by

\sum For $I=0$ to $M-1$, of $A_i R^i$ where R equals 2^k . Therefore, the factors A and B merely disclose properties characteristic of numbers represented in base 2.

Conclusion


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US patent 6,182,104 discloses a method of modulo multiplication that reveals some aspects/variations of the Montgomery multiplication method.
- "Analyzing and Comparing Montgomery Multiplication Algorithms" by Koc et al. discloses a number of variations on the Montgomery multiplication method, each of which avoid the use of division.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M Ho whose telephone number is (703)305-8029. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am – 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A. Morse can be reached at (703)308-4789. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)746-7239 for regular communications and (703)746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)306-5484.


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